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SUBJECT: NY TIMES DEPENDENTS AT UTAPAO

1. JAMES L. GREENFIELD, FOREIGN EDITOR, NY TIMES (FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS) INFORMED DEPTOFF APRIL 15 THAT WIFE AND CHILDREN OF NY TIMES CAMBODIAN STAFFER DITH PRAN WERE EVACUATED ON US AIRLIFT AND ARE PRESENTLY AT UTAPAO WITHOUT TRAVEL DOCUMENTS. GREENFIELD HAS ASKED NY TIMES REPORTER JOE LELYVELD TO GO TO UTAPAO TO ASSIST MRS. PRAN AND CHILDREN, BUT LELYVELD SAYS HE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO GET RTG PERMISSION FOR SUCH A TRIP.

2. GREENFIELD HAS TOLD LELYVELD TO KEEP TRYING WITH RTG AND TO ASSURE THAI THAT TRIP IS TO ASSIST PRAN FAMILY, NOT REPEAT NOT FOR JOURNALISM. LELYVELD MAY CONTACT EMBASSY FOR ASSISTANCE ON THIS IF HE HAS NOT ALREADY DONE SO.

3. FYI, GREENFIELD HAS CONTACTED ICRC DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS HOCKE BY TELEPHONE IN GENEVA TO SUGGEST ICRC SEND REPS TO UTAPAO. KISSINGER

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